

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Kozhalmannom Subramaniasastry KRISHNAN et al.  
Title: A NOVEL CONOTOXIN MODULATING SODIUM CHANNELS  
Appl. No.: Unassigned  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present National Stage Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: